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Bear Lake County Economic Overview

Civilian Labor Force (Jul 2021) 3.071 **Unemployment Rate (Jul 2021)** 2.6% Population (2019) 6.143 \$54,167 Median Household Income (2019) \$43,103 Per Capita Personal Income (2019) Poverty Rate (2019) 16.8%

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1. County Demographic Characteristics, 2019

	Bear Lake County	Bear Lake County (%)	State of Idaho (%)	United States (%)
Total Population	6,000	100.0%	1,717,750	324,697,795
Race and Ethnicity				
White alone, not hispanic	5,575	92.9%	82.0%	60.7%
Black or African American alone, not hispanic	53	0.9%	0.7%	12.3%
Native American alone, not hispanic	24	0.4%	1.1%	0.7%
Asian alone, not hispanic	40	0.7%	1.3%	5.5%
Hispanic, or Latino (of any race)	257	4.3%	12.5%	18.0%
Gender				
Male	2,958	49.3%	50.1%	49.2%
Female	3,042	50.7%	49.9%	50.8%
Age				
Median age	39.6	-	40.3	38.1
Under 18 years	1,584	26.4%	25.7%	22.6%
Over 18 years	4,416	73.6%	74.3%	77.4%
21 years and over	3,976	66.3%	64.9%	67.9%
Over 65 years	1,235	20.6%	15.4%	15.6%
Educational Attainment (Population 25 years and Over)				
Less than 9th grade	54	0.9%	2.2%	3.5%
High school graduate (with equivalencies)	1,527	25.5%	17.8%	18.3%
Some college, no degree	1,036	17.3%	16.9%	13.9%
Associate's degree	405	6.8%	6.4%	5.8%
Bachelor's degree	561	9.4%	12.1%	13.4%
Graduate or professional degree	189	3.2%	5.8%	8.4%
Median Household Income	\$54,167	-	\$56,605	\$62,843

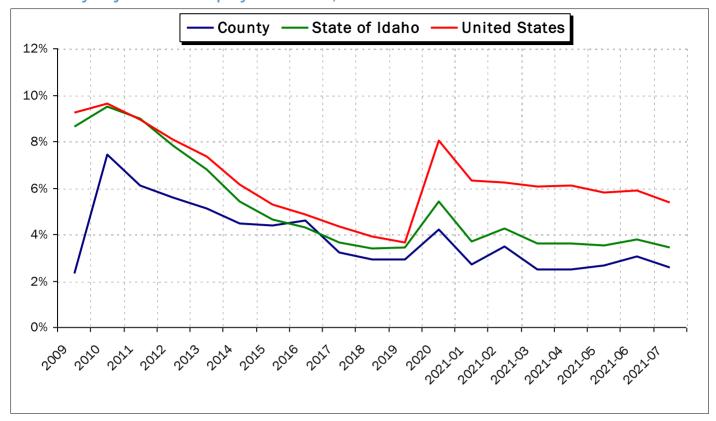
Source: US Census Bureau, American Community Survey 2019 5-Year Estimates

2. Labor Force

	Labor Force	Employment	Unemployed	Unemployment Rate
July 2021	3,071	2,992	79	2.6%
July 2020	3,078	2,959	119	3.9%

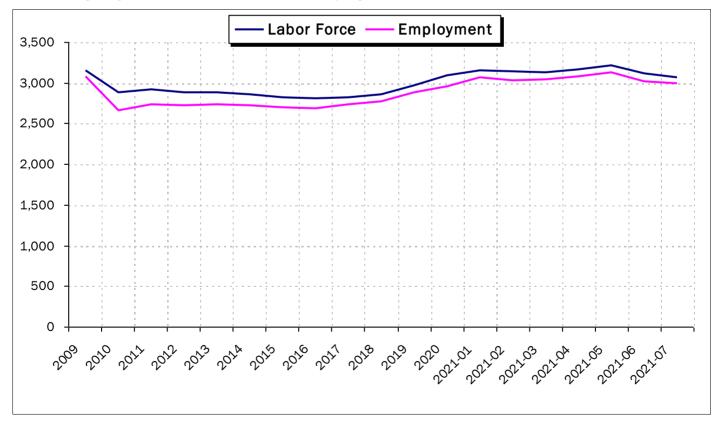
Source: Idaho Department of Labor

3. Seasonally-Adjusted Unemployment Rate, 2009 - Current



Source: Idaho Department of Labor

4. Seasonally-Adjusted Labor Force and Employment, 2009 - Current



Source: Idaho Department of Labor

5. Industry Employment and Wages - 2010, 2019 and 2020

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Supersector	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages	Average Employment	Average Wages
Total Covered Wages	1,632	\$24,839	1,703	\$29,347	1,719	\$31,045
Natural Resources and Mining			7	\$29,631	8	\$24,417
Construction	30	\$19,476	44	\$27,782	48	\$31,867
Manufacturing	43	\$26,462	61	\$37,403	78	\$35,772
Trade,Transportation, and Utilities	428	\$22,226	313	\$29,222	324	\$29,519
Information	31	\$11,769	25	\$10,952		
Financial Activities	47	\$27,180	46	\$40,936	45	\$45,769
Professional and Business Services	103	\$34,685	217	\$24,806	221	\$25,729
Education and Health Services	526	\$29,193	580	\$35,076	578	\$37,725
Leisure and Hospitality	195	\$11,238	200	\$10,996	191	\$12,367
Other Services	19	\$19,735	28	\$31,280	27	\$35,172
Public Administration	200	\$30,349	175	\$35,207	174	\$35,525

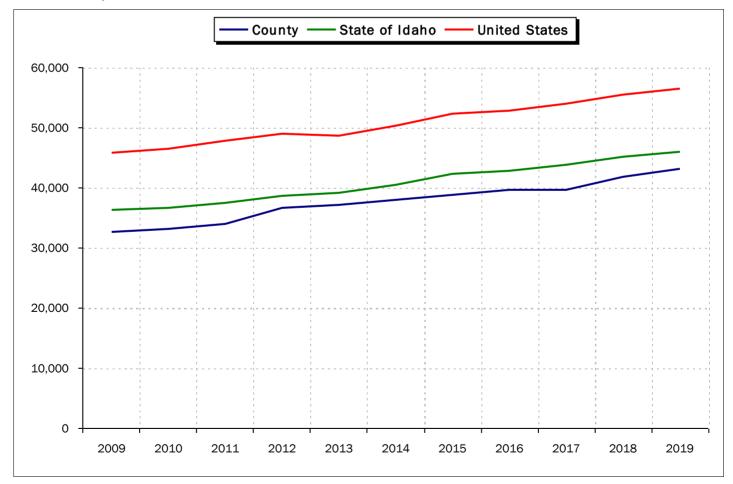
Source: Idaho Department of Labor

6. Top Employers, 2020

Employer	Ownership	Range
Bear Lake Memorial Hospital	Local Gov	250 - 499
Bear Lake School District	Local Gov	100 - 249
Resource Management	Private	100 - 249
Bear Lake County	Local Gov	50 - 99
Broulim's Foodtown	Private	50 - 99
City Of Montpelier	Local Gov	10 - 49
Cooper's Bear Lake West	Private	10 - 49
U.s. Forest Service	Federal Gov	10 - 49
Rainy Day Foods	Private	10 - 49
Gundersen Ace Hardware	Private	10 - 49

NOTE: Only employers that have given the Department permission to release employment range data are listed. Source: Idaho Department of Labor

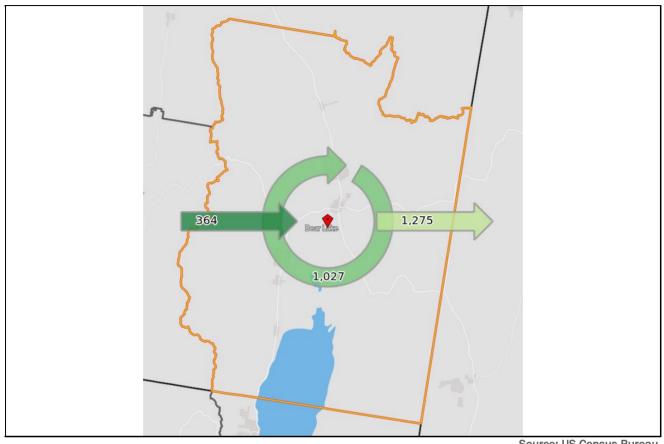
7. Real Per Capita Income, 2009 - 2019



Source: U.S. Bureau of Economic Analysis

8. Labor Force Commuting Patterns, 2018

It is estimated that 1,027 workers lived and worked in Bear Lake County in 2018. Another 364 workers were employed in Bear Lake County but lived outside, while 1,275 workers commuted to other counties for work.



Source: US Census Bureau

9. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Work in Bear Lake County Live, 2018

City of Residence	All Jobs	Percentage
Montpelier	597	42.9%
Pocatello	56	4.0%
Paris	47	3.4%
Bennington CDP	45	3.2%
Georgetown	39	2.8%
Soda Springs	29	2.1%
Bloomington	20	1.4%
Idaho Falls	17	1.2%
St. Charles	11	0.8%
Rexburg	11	0.8%

Note: "All Jobs" includes private and public sector jobs. It also includes a count of workers with multiple jobs. Source: US Census Bureau

10. Top 10 Cities Where People Who Live in Bear Lake County Work, 2018

City of Employment	All Jobs	Percentage
Montpelier	765	33.2%
Soda Springs	181	7.9%
Pocatello	89	3.9%
Paris	86	3.7%
Boise City	76	3.3%
Georgetown	69	3.0%
Idaho Falls	41	1.8%
Rexburg	33	1.4%
Twin Falls	32	1.4%
Meridian	18	0.8%

Note: "All Jobs" includes private and public sector jobs. It also includes a count of workers with multiple jobs. Source: US Census Bureau

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